From Library trustee records.
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At the annual Town Meeting held the present year, the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars ($375.00) was appropriated for a Catalogue for the Public Library. It was found that this sum was entirely inadequate to pay the labor of preparing and expense of printing a "Finding Catalogue such as at present used. After a full investigation by the Trustees, it was unanimously decided to adopt the new and somewhat experimental system of what is called the "Card Catalogue". The Trustees were fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. Edgar J. Banks, a citizen of the Town who from experience and education was peculiarly fitted for the work. Under the direction of the Trustees Miss Emily A. Heard the Trustee was associated with him and with her assistance, the Catalogue was completed to the entire satisfaction of the Board and with credit to those who prepared it. While it is not expected that perfection has been attained, yet it is thought

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that it is so nearly correct, that with use and attention it can be made so. The desire of the Trustees has been to increase the usefulness of the Library, accomodate its patrons and lighten the labor of the Librarian as fast as it could be done with the money entrusted to them It cannot be expected that a change so radical can be introduced without criticism, or that all will be united, yet we believe that in time, the wisdom of the change will be fully vindicated.

R. S. Lombard.

Feb. 8th The regular meeting of the Trustees was held at the house of Miss E. A. Heard and a quorum not being present adjourned to meet at same place Feb 15th.
At this meeting no quorum was present and no business transacted, except the signing of Librarians Report by the three members present.